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Following is status report on actions being taken responsive to Lon Nol's request for assistance:

1. Radios. JCS investigating availability and delivery of radio equipment to replace telephone communications between principal Cambodian cities in event of emergency need.

2. AK-47's. Second shipment of 2,500 rifles just delivered. Attempting to get another shipment processed.

3. Ammunition. We are investigating availability of additional AK-47 ammunition for delivery soonest. Additionally, orders being issued in SVN to insure that all captured ammo is retained for possible delivery to Cambodia.

4. M-1's and M-2's. Some 15,000 of these carbines are being shipped from CONUS to Saigon, and we hope GVN will deliver in same manner as AK-47's, although GVN may continue to oppose until question of Cambodian treatment of Vietnamese is

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satisfactorily settled. Trust this GVN/GOC issue being resolved in view of potential importance of these weapons to GOC. Plenty of ammunition available.

5. One-thousand-men Packs. (These are packs containing a wide selection of small arms, mortars, radios, etc. to fully equip a thousand-man force. While much of the equipment is of American origin it is the type that could be purchased on open market.) One of these packs is already in Saigon; another nine will be available there in next four or five days. We have not yet raised with GVN their willingness to receive these packs for delivery as GVN aid to Cambodia. DOD will be separately communicating with Defense Attaché in Phnom Penh giving details of contents of these packs with a view to ascertaining DefAtt's comments on their usefulness for Cambodians.

6. Ammunition Requirements. JCS investigating listing of GOC ammo requirements contained Phnom Penh's 597.

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